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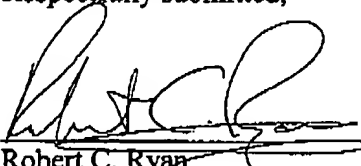
opportunity to re-play the base or first game and a bank feature. As the applicant's counsel explained during the interview, the cited prior art does not teach this subject matter, particularly in the context of the combinations of the claims herein.

With regard to the status of the claims, claims 1-57 and 65-79 were pending in this case  
5 at the time of the Office Action in September, 2002. In the Amendment filed in December, 2002, the applicant cancelled claims 5-8 and 15-18 and amended the remaining claims 1-5, 9-14, 19-57, and 65-79. Pursuant to the interview, in attached Appendices A and B the applicant hereby supplementally amends claims 1-4, 9-10, 12-14, 19-40, 45-50, 52, 54, 56, 65-66, 70, 74, 76, and 77 without prejudice; and the applicant also hereby cancels claims 5-8, 11, 15-18, 41-44,  
10 51, 53, 55, 57, 67-69, 71-73, 75, 78, and 79 without prejudice. The editing signals in Appendix A indicate all changes to the claims as compared to those addressed in the September, 2002, Office Action.

In conclusion, the applicant submits that the present application and all pending claims are in condition for allowance. If the Examiner has any questions regarding the application or  
15 this response, the Examiner is encouraged to call the applicant's attorney, Robert C. Ryan, at (775) 686-5050.

Respectfully submitted,

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### APPENDIX A

#### Claim Amendment Version With Editing Signals

1. A gaming apparatus for use by at least one game player to play games of chance on [the]  
5 said apparatus, [the] said gaming apparatus comprising in combination:

A. a first game housing portion, a first game of chance mounted in [the] said first housing  
portion, a first game outcome display connected to [the] said first game of chance, an  
award display connected to [the] said first game of chance, and a first game actuator  
connected to [the] said first game of chance and being activatable for play by [the] said  
10 game player to display on [the] said first game outcome display at least one from among  
a first game range of first game chance outcomes and to display on [the] said first game  
award display an award for [the] said player upon the appearance of at least a  
predetermined first game award outcome on [the] said first game outcome display; [and]

B. a second game housing portion, a second game of chance mounted in [the] said second  
15 housing portion and connected to [the] said first game of chance, a second game outcome  
display connected to [the] said second game of chance, and a second game actuator  
connected to [the] said second game of chance and being activatable for play upon the  
occurrence of at least a predetermined chance event in [the] said first game of chance to  
display on [the] said second game outcome display (i) at least one from among a second  
20 game range of second game chance outcomes and (ii) an alteration of [the] said first  
game outcome procured or to be procured in [the] said first game of chance upon the  
occurrence of at least a predetermined first game alteration outcome in [the] said second

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game of chance; and wherein said range of second game chance outcomes includes a first game playing outcome whereby said first game of chance may be played again, and wherein said second game of chance is connected to said first game of chance so that said second game of chance is again activatable upon the occurrence of said or another predetermined event in said first game of chance; and

C. a game outcome bank in communication with said first game of chance and second game of change whereby at least one second game outcome may be stored and later transferred by said game outcome linkage to said first game outcome display in said first game of chance apparatus.

2. The gaming apparatus of claim 1 wherein [the] said second game also has a second game award display connected to [the] said second game of chance which, upon play of [the] said second game, displays a second game award that can alter [the] said award to [the] said game player.

3. The gaming apparatus of claim 1 wherein [the] said range of second game chance outcomes includes a chance-improving outcome whereby [the] said game player's chance of procuring at least one future first game outcome and future award is improved.

4. The gaming apparatus of claim 3 wherein [the] said second game also has a second game award display connected to [the] said second game of chance which, upon play of [the] said

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second game, displays a second game award that can alter [the] said award to [the] said game player.

Please cancel claims 5-8 without prejudice.

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9. A gaming apparatus of use by at least one game player to play a game of chance on [the] said apparatus, [the] said gaming apparatus comprising in combination:

A. a first game of chance apparatus having a first game, a first game actuator connected to [the] said first game, a first game outcome display connected to [the] said first game, and  
10 a first game awarding mechanism whereby [the] said game player is provided an award in the event that at least one predetermined award outcome appears in [the] said first game outcome display;

B. a second game of chance apparatus having a second game and a second game outcome display connected to [the] said second game, [the] said second game of chance apparatus  
15 being mounted proximate to [the] said first game of chance apparatus whereby [the] said game player can observe from one location both [the] said first game of chance and [the] said second game of chance;

C. a second game actuator interconnecting [the] said first and second games of chance whereby [the] said second game of chance can be activated to play [the] said second  
20 game upon the appearance of at least one predetermined second game outcome in [the] said first game outcome display; [and]

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D. a game outcome linkage interconnecting [the] said first and second games of chance to change said or another game outcome in [the] said first game outcome display upon the appearance of at least one predetermined changing outcome in [the] said second game outcome display; and wherein at least one predetermined changing outcome allows said  
5 first game of chance apparatus to be played again, and said second game actuator is adapted to again actuate said second game of chance apparatus upon the occurrence of said one or another predetermined first game outcome in said first game of chance apparatus; and

E. a game outcome bank in communication with said first game of chance apparatus and  
10 second game of change apparatus whereby at least one second game outcome may be stored and later transferred by said game outcome linkage to said first game outcome display in said first game of chance apparatus.

10. The gaming apparatus of claim 9 wherein [the] said second game of chance apparatus  
15 also includes a second game awarding mechanism connected to [the] said second game whereby [the] said game player is provided an additional award in the event that at least one predetermined second award outcome appears in [the] said second game outcome display.

Please cancel claim 11 without prejudice.

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12. The gaming apparatus of claim 10 including a game outcome bank connected to [the] said second game of chance apparatus whereby at least one second game outcome may be stored

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and later transferred by [the] said first game outcome linkage to [the] said first game outcome display in [the] said first game of chance.

13. The gaming apparatus of claim 12 wherein [the] said game outcome bank is mounted in  
5 [the] said second game of chance apparatus.

14. The gaming apparatus of claim 12 wherein [the] said second game outcome can alter the likelihood of procuring [the] said or another outcome and award in [the] said first game.

10 Please cancel claims 15-18 without prejudice.

19. The gaming apparatus of claim 10 wherein [the] said first game of chance apparatus is mounted adjacent to [the] said second game of apparatus.

15 20. The gaming apparatus of claim 12 wherein [the] said first game of chance apparatus is mounted adjacent to [the] said second game of apparatus.

21. The gaming apparatus of claim 14[6] wherein one of [the] said first or second game of chance apparatus includes a spinning wheel game.

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22. The gaming apparatus of claim 10 wherein one of [the] said first or second game of chance apparatus includes a spinning wheel game.

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23. The gaming apparatus of claim 12[2] wherein one of [the] said first or second game of chance apparatus includes a spinning wheel game.

5 24. The gaming apparatus of claim 13[6] wherein one of [the] said first or second game of chance apparatus includes a spinning wheel game.

25. The gaming apparatus of claim 19[7] wherein one of [the] said first or second game of chance apparatus includes a spinning wheel game.

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26. The gaming apparatus of claim [19] 21 wherein the other of [the] said first or second game of chance apparatus includes a spinning reel game.

27. The gaming apparatus of claim 22[0] wherein the other of [the] said first or second game  
15 of chance apparatus includes a spinning reel game.

28. The gaming apparatus of claim 23[1] wherein the other of [the] said first or second game of chance apparatus includes a spinning reel game.

20 29. The gaming apparatus of claim 24[2] wherein the other of [the] said first or second game of chance apparatus includes a spinning reel game.

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30. The gaming apparatus of claim 25[3] wherein the other of [the] said first or second game of chance apparatus includes a spinning reel game.

31. The gaming apparatus of claim 24 wherein [the other of the] said first [or second] game of chance apparatus [includes a] comprises said spinning reel game.

32. The gaming apparatus of claim 20 wherein one of [the] said first or second game of chance apparatus is mounted on top of [the] said other of [the] said first or second game of chance apparatus.

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33. The gaming apparatus of claim 22 wherein [the] said one of [the] said first or second game of chance apparatus is mounted on top of the other of [the] said first or second game of chance apparatus.

15 34. The gaming apparatus of claim 24 wherein [the] said one of [the] said first or second game of chance apparatus is mounted on top of the other of [the] said first or second game of chance apparatus.

20 35. The gaming apparatus of claim 27 wherein [the] said one of [the] said first or second game of chance apparatus is mounted on top of the other of [the] said first or second game of chance apparatus.



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36. The gaming apparatus of claim 29 wherein [the] said one of [the] said first or second game of chance apparatus is mounted on top of the other of [the] said first or second game of chance apparatus.

5 37. A multi-game apparatus of use by at least one game player to play multiple games on [the] said apparatus, [the] said gaming apparatus comprising in combination:

A. a first game apparatus activatable for play to procure a first game outcome from among a plurality of possible first game outcomes;

10 B. a concentric wheel game apparatus mounted proximate to [the] said first game-of-chance apparatus, [the] said concentric wheel game apparatus including an outer wheel rotatable to yield a first wheel outcome and an inner wheel rotatable to yield a second wheel outcome

15 C. a wheel game activator interconnecting [the] said first game apparatus and concentric wheel game apparatus and being adapted to: (i) activate [the] said concentric wheel game for play upon the occurrence of at least one predetermined first game outcome in [the] said first game, and (ii) re-activate said first for play upon the occurrence of at least one among a plurality of possible first wheel outcomes or second wheel outcomes; [and]

20 D. a first game outcome linkage being adapted to change [the] said outcome in [the] said first game upon the occurrence of at least said one or another among a plurality of possible first wheel outcomes or second wheel outcomes in [the] said concentric wheel game apparatus; and

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E. a bank in communication with said first game apparatus and concentric wheel game apparatus whereby said concentric wheel game provides storage of a possible first game outcome for possible use in procuring a first game outcome in the first game apparatus.

5 38. The multi-game apparatus of claim 37 in which [the] said first game and [the] said concentric wheel game are games of chance, and at least one among [the] said first game outcome, first wheel outcome, and second wheel outcome includes an award to [the] said game player.

10 39. The multi-game apparatus of claim 37 in which [the] said concentric wheel game is adapted to spin [the] said outer wheel and interior wheel sequentially.

40. The multi-game apparatus of claim 38 in which [the] said concentric wheel game is adapted to spin [the] said outer wheel and interior wheel sequentially.

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Please cancel claims 41-44 without prejudice.

45. The multi-game apparatus of claim 37 in which [the] said first game apparatus includes a spinning reel game and [the] said plurality of first game outcomes include at least one possible  
20 award to [the] said game player.

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46. The multi-game apparatus of claim [40] 38 in which [the] said first game apparatus includes a spinning reel game and [the] said plurality of first game outcomes includes at least one possible award to [the] said game player.

5 47. The multi-game apparatus of claim [41] 39 in which [the] said first game apparatus includes a spinning reel game and [the] said plurality of first game outcomes includes at least one possible award to [the] said game player.

48. The multi-game apparatus of claim 40[2] in which [the] said first game apparatus  
10 includes a spinning reel game and [the] said plurality of first game outcomes includes at least one possible award to [the] said game player.

49. The multi-game apparatus of claim 44 in which [the] said first game apparatus includes a spinning reel game and [the] said plurality of first game outcomes includes at least one possible  
15 award to [the] said game player.

50. A multi-game of chance apparatus of the type providing a chance award to a game player when [the] said game player plays [the] said multi-game of chance apparatus, [the] said apparatus comprising in combination:

- 20     A.     a first game of chance controller;
- B.     a first game of chance outcome display connected to [the] said first game of chance controller;

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- C. a game of chance award display connected to [the] said first game of chance controller and providing an award to [the] said player in the event at least one predetermined outcome appears in [the] said first game of chance outcome display;
- D. a second game of chance controller;
- 5 E. a second game of chance outcome display connected to [the] said first game of chance controller and including second game outcome indicia indicating a second game award opportunity for the player to replay the first game of chance; [and]
- F. an outcome changing linkage connected to second game of chance controller whereby [the] said [second] first or another game of chance outcome display changes in the
- 10 event of at least one predetermined change outcome appears in [the] said second game of chance outcome display;
- G. an outcome reserve bank connected to said second game of chance controller whereby outcomes from said first or second game of chance outcome display may be stored for later plays of said first or second game of chance

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Please cancel claim 51 without prejudice.

52. The multi-game apparatus of claim 50 also having a second game of chance award display connected to [the] said second game of chance whereby the total award provided to [the]
- 20 said game player can increase based on a second game of chance award provided by [the] said second game of chance.

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Please cancel claim 53 without prejudice.

54. The multi-game apparatus of claim 50 [the] said first and second game of chance  
controllers, [the] said first and second outcome displays, [the] said award display, and [the] said  
5 outcome linkage are mounted in an integral game frame.

Please cancel claim 55 without prejudice.

56. The multi-game apparatus of claim 52 [the] said first and second game of chance  
10 controllers, [the] said first and second outcome displays, [the] said award display, and [the] said  
outcome linkage are mounted in an integral game frame.

Please cancel claim 57 without prejudice.

15 65. A method of playing games of chance, comprising:

A. actuating a base game of chance to procure a first base game outcome and, upon the  
appearance of a predetermined base game outcome in [the] said base game of chance, a  
first bonus opportunity to play a bonus game of chance;

20 B. actuating [the] said bonus game of chance to procure a bonus game outcome and, upon  
the appearance of a predetermined bonus game outcome in [the] said bonus game of  
chance, a second bonus opportunity to again play [the] said base game of chance, said  
predetermined bonus game outcome at least intermittently including a bank portion

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transferred to a game bank for alteration of said or another base game outcome in said  
base game of chance; and

C. in the event of [the] said second bonus opportunity, again actuating [the] said base game  
of chance to procure a second base game outcome.

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66. The game playing method of claim 65 wherein, in the bonus game actuating step (B),  
[the] said predetermined bonus game outcome alters [the] said base game outcome in [the] said  
base game of chance.

10 Please cancel claims 67-69 without prejudice.

70. The game playing method of claim 68 wherein, in the actuating step (C), [the] said  
second base game outcome can include a repeat bonus opportunity to play [the] said base or  
bonus game of chance upon the appearance of [the] said first or another predetermined base  
15 game outcome in [the] said base game of chance.

Please cancel claims 71-73 without prejudice.

74. The game playing method of claim 65[8] wherein [the] said bonus game of chance  
20 includes a wheel game having a plurality of concentric wheels that spin independently to a stop.

Please cancel claim 75 without prejudice.

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76. The game playing method of claim [70] 66 wherein [the] said bonus game of chance includes a wheel game having a plurality of concentric wheels that spin independently to a stop.

5 77. The game playing method of claim 70[1] wherein [the] said bonus game of chance includes a wheel game having a plurality of concentric wheels that spin independently to a stop.

Please cancel claims 78 and 79 without prejudice.